

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Gas and Electric Company (U 902-E) for an Ex Parte Order Approving the Settlement Agreements Between SDG&E and certain winning bidders in SDG&E's Biennial Resource Plan Update Auction.

Application 97-10-081
(Filed October 20, 1997)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
EXTENDING DECEMBER 3, 1999 PROTECTIVE ORDER**

On November 21, 2001, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a motion to extend the protective orders previously issued in this case and extended pursuant to a December 3, 1999 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruling. The December 1999 ruling extended the protective orders set forth in the May 28, 1998 Assigned Commissioner and ALJ Joint Ruling, the November 18, 1998 ALJ Ruling, and Decision 98-12-074 through December 21, 2001. SDG&E claims that the circumstances justifying confidential treatment of portions of the application and related material have not changed. No party objects to the extension of the protective orders.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The November 21, 2001 motion of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) for an extension of the protective orders previously extended in a December 3, 1999 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruling is granted to the extent below.

2. The protective orders set forth in the May 28, 1998 Assigned Commissioner and ALJ Ruling, the November 18, 1998 ALJ Ruling, and Decision 98-12-074, as previously extended in a December 3, 1999 ALJ ruling, shall remain in effect through and including December 21, 2003, and during that period the material so protected shall not be made accessible or disclosed to anyone other than Commission staff except on the further order or ruling of the Commission, the Assigned Commissioner, the assigned ALJ, or the ALJ then designated as Law and Motion Judge.

3. If SDG&E believes that further protection of this information is needed after December 21, 2003, it may file a motion stating the justification for further withholding the material from public inspection, or for such other relief as the Commission rules may then provide. This motion shall explain with specificity why the designated material still needs protection in light of the passage of time involved. SDG&E should file such motion no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of this protective order.

Dated December 7, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/JANET A. ECONOME by CAB
Janet A. Econome
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Extending December 3, 1999 Protective Order on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 7, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/JACQUELINE GORZUCH
Jacqueline Gorzuch

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A.97-10-081 JJ/jgo